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Increase in Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some factors such as passenger load and increase in revenue are considered while introducing flights to new areas and increasing frequency of any flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Aviation Company of India Limited has identified the factor of areas of higher volume of passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is considering to increase frequency of flights in these areas; and

(f) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b): Scheduled domestic airlines are free to operate anywhere within the country subject to compliance with Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs). Introduction of flights to new areas and increasing their frequency is the commercial decision of an airline depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability etc.

(c) to (f): Air India continuously monitors the market developments with an objective to rationalize, restructure its schedule either by withdrawing from non-strategic cash loss making routes or by introducing new routes / increase or decrease frequency on existing routes /modifying the existing schedule/changing the equipment on a particular route etc. Air India makes changes in its network to rationalize capacity offered on various routes to maximize the benefits. Consequently, periodic adjustments are done to the schedule to add or reduce capacity from specific routes, introduce new routes, and restructure existing routes based on the market dynamics and anticipated financial outcome.